



Sully Spotlight

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Events of Interest for the Month

Tues., May 8—Sully's Day of Remembrance

May 13-19 National Police Week

Tues., May 15—Peace Officers Memorial Day

Tues., May 22 @ 7:30 p.m.—CAC Meeting, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd.

Mon., May 28—Memorial Day

A Fountain of Remembrance for Detective Vicky Armel and MPO Michael Garbarino

May 8 marks the one year anniversary of the day the residents and police officers of the Sully community were forever transformed. Chaos erupted in the quiet area of Chantilly. Master Police Officer Michael Garbarino was severely wounded by a heavily armed gun man while sitting in his cruiser in the back lot of the Sully District Police Station. Detective Vicky Armel was mortally wounded when she confronted the gun man in an attempt to end the shooting. Roads were closed while officers searched for a possible second gun man. In the end, the Sully District Police Station lost two members of it's family and the Sully community mourned.

For the two weeks that followed the shooting, people came from all over to pay respects to the fallen heroes and to show support for the police department. Officers were embraced by a community that only three years earlier did not have a police station in their own community.

In the months that followed the shooting and deaths of Detective Vicky Armel and MPO Michael "Gabby" Garbarino, plans were put into place to erect memorials to honor the two fallen heroes. In front of the Sully District Police Station stands three blue canisters in a water fountain. The fountain was placed there for the community to visit and remember the sacrifices of Detective Armel and MPO Garbarino. We encourage you to stop by to see the fountain and remember the two heroes for which it stands. If you wish to pay tribute to Detective Armel and MPO Garbarino on May 8, we ask that any flowers be left by the fountain.





National Police Week May 13-19, 2007

Honoring Those Who Gave the Ultimate Sacrifice

Remember all the fallen men, who gave their lives for you. Remember all the sweating, all the work they had to do. Remember all the blood they spilled, all the crying and the pain. Remember all the late nights, in the snow and in the rain. Remember how they kept the peace, in good times and in bad. Remember they protected you, and given all they had. Remember times are changing and people are changing too. Remember all the fallen men and that they died for you.

-A tribute to fallen officers written by the 15-year-old daughter of an Idaho officer.



**FLY FLAGS
AT HALF-STAFF
ON MAY 15**

Peace Officers Memorial Day

Sully District's Auxiliary Police Officer George Ludwig Awarded Auxiliary Patrol Officer of 2006



Chief of Police Colonel David Rohrer awards APO George Ludwig

Auxiliary Officer George Ludwig has become a staple on the Sully A squad evening shift for the past two years. He is a volunteer who takes his chosen second profession to heart and who has truly become the “twelfth man” on the squad.

APO Ludwig can be found riding along with his squad at times on two to three days a week. He always works every Saturday and takes the police patrol wagon out, mostly solo. He patrols faithfully, all the while handling minor reports and writing parking tickets. Additionally, he responds and backs officers on most accidents and events where a second or third hand is critical.

APO Ludwig was with his squad on May 8th and in all of the turmoil of that afternoon, there he was among the first in the rear parking lot, shotgun in hand, providing cover while other officers cleared the lot. Throughout the events that unfolded the next two to three weeks, he came in and worked almost daily with the squad.

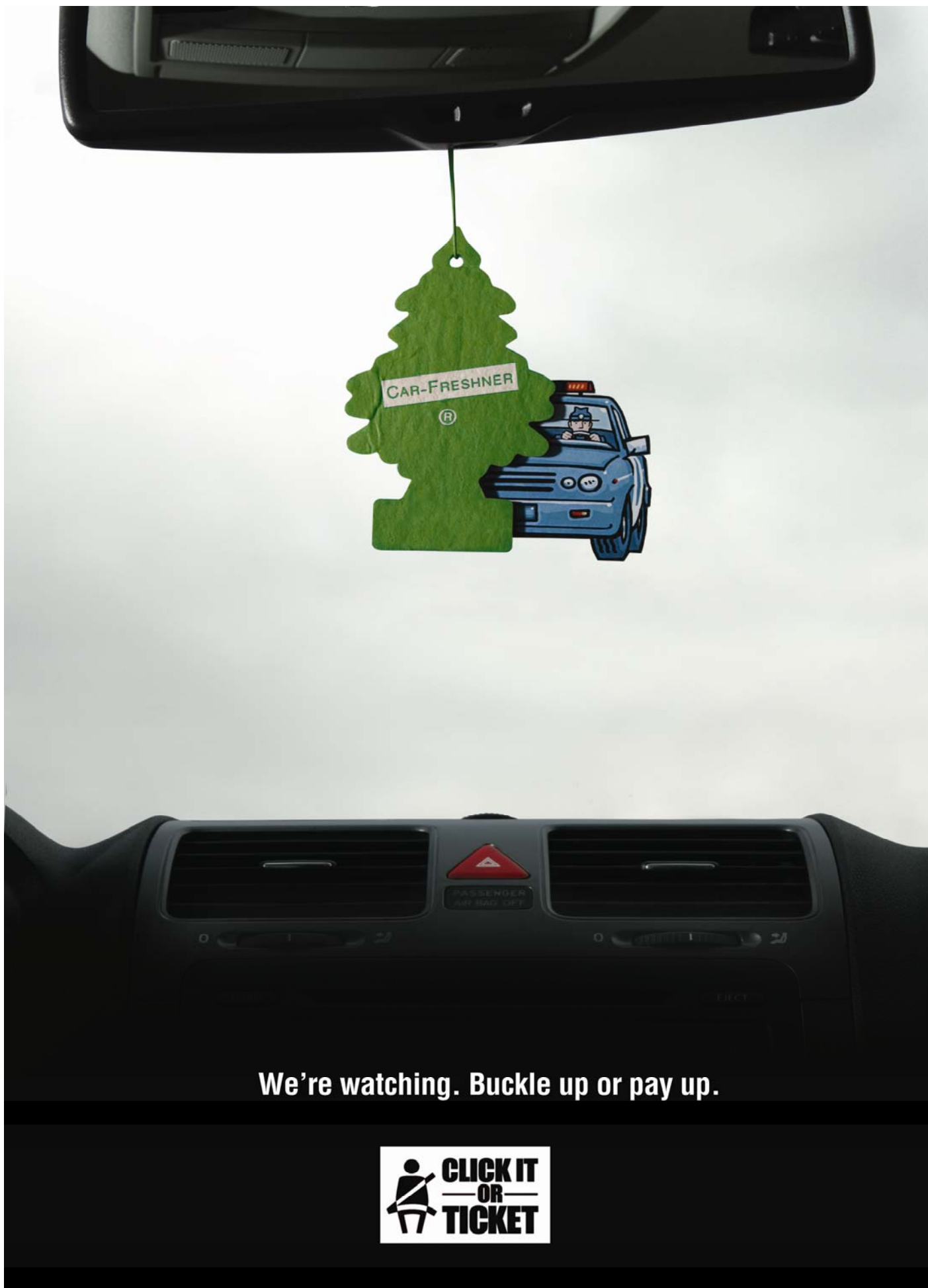
He has volunteered to take such assignments as spending eight hours in the station watching the crew clean the floors and twice volunteering to work the Centreville drive-in movie nights last summer. While this may not seem significant, his presence on such assignments meant that his fellow sworn officers could be out on patrol in neighborhoods.

Additionally, he has gone out of his way to receive training opportunities that he knows will enhance his value not only to his squad but to the police department. A prime example of this was his recent completion of the chain saw operator's course. When severe weather is forecast and his squad is working, you will find him walking in and asking to help. This has always meant that he grabs the chain saws, tons of cones and the pickup truck and hits the street. When the trees start falling, he is always among the first to arrive on scene and begin the clearing process.

APO Ludwig is a vital link not only to his squad but certainly the Sully District Station and this police department. Often times he works Auxiliary assignments that begin in the morning and finishes the day by working with the squad. He has a great can-do attitude and interacts superbly with all he comes into contact.

As we acknowledge APO Ludwig for this award, we not only look at his accomplishments and dedication, but also all of his efforts that are at no cost to the county. To commit to his level of service takes an individual with great dedication and pride and Auxiliary Officer George Ludwig exemplifies such traits.

Congratulations APO Ludwig and thank you!



May is Bicycle Safety Month

Each year in the United States, bicycle-related injuries send approximately 350,000 children under the age of 15 to emergency departments. More kids, ages 5-14 are treated in hospital emergency departments with injuries related to biking than any other sport.

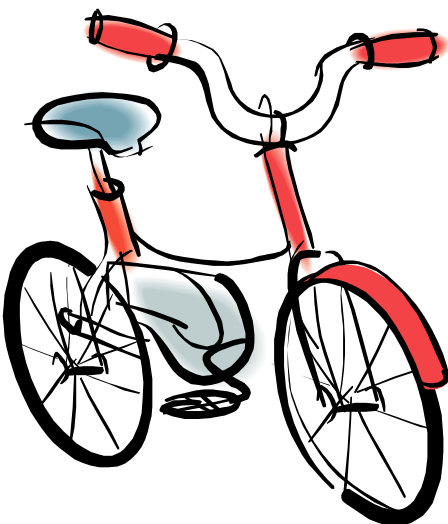
Although most automobile/bicycle crashes involving adult riders are caused by the motorist, most of those involving child cyclists are caused by the child. Young children may have difficulty understanding the rules of the road, but obeying bike safety rules and exercising caution while riding in traffic can avoid many of these crashes.

All cyclists should follow standard safety precautions. As parents it is our responsibility to pass our knowledge and experience to our children as they learn how to ride.

When your child is very young, a smart way to teach your child safety is by example. You should wear your helmet each time you ride and make sure your child wears a helmet if they ride with you. However, a child must be at least one year old before you put a helmet on them. Their neck muscles and spinal cords aren't developed well enough to support the weight of the helmet especially in a crash.

For older children a properly fitted bicycle will help prevent a crash. Don't buy a bicycle your child needs to "grow into". An oversized bicycle could cause your child to lose control and get hurt. A bike is the right size when your child can sit on the seat with his or her feet flat on the ground, the handlebar no higher than their shoulders. Bikes for beginners should have coaster brakes (or foot) brakes, not complicated hand brakes. If your child is starting out on training wheels, be sure they can be adjusted as his or her skills improve.

<http://www.luhs.org/depts/injprev/Breakpnt/bp-v4-5.htm#article5>



Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates: Thursday, May 3, 2007
Thursday, May 17, 2007
Tuesday, May 22, 2007
Thursday, May 31, 2007

5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
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No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

Remembering Memorial Day



Please take a moment to remember what the day is all about.

CAC Corner



The Sully District Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. The guest speaker will be Chief of Police, Colonel Dave Rohrer.

Anyone who lives or works in the Sully District is encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

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gov/ps/police/
homepage.htm

Virginia Amber Alert
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Aggressive Driving—
Report Online at
[https://www.fairfaxcounty.](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)
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PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime
Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police
Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime
Prevention Office:
703-814-7018

Child Car Seat
Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)
703-246-7806

Citizen Reporting System
(to file reports only)
703-464-4756

Traffic Trivia

Code of Virginia § 46.2-905. Riding bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, motorized skateboards or scooters, motor-driven cycles, and mopeds on roadways and bicycle paths.

Any person operating a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, motorized skateboard or scooter, or moped on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place under conditions then existing shall ride as close as safely practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway, except under any of the following circumstances:

1. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right curb or edge;
4. When avoiding riding in a lane that must turn or diverge to the right; and
5. When riding upon a one-way road or highway, a person may also ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as safely practicable.

For purposes of this section, a "substandard width lane" is a lane too narrow for a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, motorized skateboard or scooter, or moped and another vehicle to pass safely side by side within the lane.

Persons riding bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, motorized skateboards or scooters, or electric power-assisted bicycles on a highway shall not ride more than two abreast. Persons riding two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, shall move into a single file formation as quickly as is practicable when being overtaken from the rear by a faster moving vehicle, and, on a laned roadway, shall ride in a single lane.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Conservation and Recreation shall permit the operation of electric personal assistive mobility devices on any bicycle path or trail designated by the Department for such use.

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